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Don't miss the June issue of **TNA NEWS** as it will cover the activities of the April TNA convention in Dallas.

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REMEMBER - The 5th of June is the deadline for the July issue

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Now that our annual TNA convention is over and we have thanked our host, the **Dallas Coin Club**, for a great show many of us may feel like we can settle back to normal and wait for our next big convention in Amarillo.

Usually, our TNA convention is the numismatic highlight of the year in Texas but this year's different! Texas has **two** great numismatic conventions and any member of the host club the **Greater Houston Coin Club** will tell you that the **American Numismatic Association** Convention scheduled for August 22-27 1978 in Houston will be the greatest ever!

Our TNA has offered to assist the host club in every possible way. Our organizational project is the establishment and operation of a TNA Hospitality Room, where we hope to provide refreshments and trinkets and make new friends for TNA from all corners of the numismatic world. Immediate Past President Leman Bartee is chairing this project and it is being funded by special contributions from TNA clubs and members. The estimated cost is about one thousand dollars.

Texas is known as "The Friendly State" and I hope that you and your local club will want to participate in our effort to show the ANA convention visitors that the

Texan reputation for friendliness is not an idle boast. Please send your contribution, in any amount, to Leman Bartee, Box 1225 Austin TX 78767. Make checks payable to the Texas Numismatic Association.

On a more personal basis, all of you who plan to attend the ANA convention and feel like you can spare a few hours to assist the **Greater Houston Coin Club**, please write General Chairman Christopher John, Box 90156 Houston TX 77090 and offer your help.

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TNA has suffered another serious loss in the passing of District VIII Governor Wayne H. Harris. Wayne had served us well for many years and made many contributions to the general welfare of our organization, his district and his club. It was his suggestion that resulted in the use of ribbons at the recent Dallas TNA convention to identify TNA members. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the surviving members of his family.

Past President Joe B. Davis has kindly agreed to serve out Wayne's unexpired term of office as District VIII Governor.

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Taxation might be required in one form or another

# LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT THE SPANISH MILLED DOLLAR

By Joe V. Frantz,  
Monessen, Pa.

For years numismatic writers and collectors have written numerous articles on this period in numismatics - 1732-1772

Without a doubt the famed Spanish Milled dollar also referred to as the Pilar dollar, Dos Mundos and Columbia, and the fractional denominations have received as much coverage as any other coin in history

In Yoeman's **Red Book**, Page 2 it's described as "The Coin of Our Nation's Founders. Another article states - 'The Spanish pieces of eight, "The Coin Immortal," and yet another article by J G Corbett in Vol 80, No. - **The Numismatist** 1967 is titled "Those Magnificent Pieces of Eight." Other known reference books on these pieces are by Dasi, Burzio, Medina, Calberto and Fonrobert (German). However the basic facts about this coin has always been omitted

At this point I asked myself "Why? Who was the engraver?



Who was the designer? When? Where? What year were the dies sent to the New World?" There were many unanswered questions. Someone must know more about this piece than this. Who? I decided to try to clear a little air on this mystery - and the hunt began.

I contacted one of the most knowledgeable persons that I knew in this field - Sr. Federico Claveria, Santa Barbara, Calif. - and explained to him my desires and wishes. We agreed to assist one another and compare notes. After four months of research and correspondence, the following is an accurate account of our research as was possible with the records available:

**QUESTION 1—Who was the designer of the Spanish Milled Dollar?** Documented proof of the designer is unknown. However, Sr. Claveria, while in Mexico City, went to the Banco de Mexico and going through the old records discovered a letter dated June 17, 1728 written by King Philip V of Spain, directed to all engravers and mintmasters of the Provincial mints. The letter translated by Sr. Claveria is as follows: "It has been brought to my attention that the quality of coinage struck by the Provincial mints is sub standard in quality especially those of the Lima mint. Many pieces arriving in Spain are found to be clipped or filed thus reducing the weight of the coin. They do not conform to the Royal minting standard. Therefore, I have instructed the head tailador (engraver) at the Royal mint at Madrid to prepare

new dies of a new design depicting two worlds which will be shipped to you along with new screw type presses for the striking of these pieces. Minting of these coins to commence in the year of our Lord, 1732."

If you did not notice - no mention of the name of the tallador was included in the letter. We had to dig a little deeper, and we discovered in the Spanish archives in Madrid that from the years 1719 until 1741, the head tallador was Don Diego de la Cosa. So we can now assume that de la Cosa did have something to do with the design and engraving of the Milled dollar, but no documented proof.

**QUESTION 2.—When were the new dies and pattern strikings sent to New Spain? Do pattern pieces exist? How many?** According to navy logs a ship left for the New World carrying the new dies and minting equipment late in 1728 but was lost in a storm off the Coymon Islands. Further records reveal that the minting equipment did arrive in New Spain (Mexico Mint) in 1732, with pattern pieces. This can be substantiated by the fact that at the Banco de Mexico there are silver and copper patterns dated 1729. The reverse of the pieces bears the crowned "M" for the Madrid mint. The reverse shows no initials of any assayer and no stated value. **NOTE:** No Spanish Milled dollars were ever minted in Spain. All were struck at the six Provincial mints of the New World.

**QUESTION 3.—What was the date the first Milled dollars was struck? How many other Provincial mints struck these pieces?** The first striking was Mar 29,

1732 at New Spain (Mexico) mint. Later these pieces were minted at the mints of Guatema, Potasi, Lima, Santiago and Santo Fe de Bogato (Colombia).

**QUESTION 4—What are the most difficult pieces to obtain by mint and what is considered the rarest Spanish Milled dollar?** The 1772 8 reales Mexico mint is unique, found only in the Banco de Mexico. No other is known to exist. The most difficult coins to obtain by mint mark are Santiago. Production of this mint was very limited. Most common are those of the Mexico and Potosi mints. Both mints had high volume production. Guatema and Limo are difficult but with a little patience they can be located. The mint at Santa Fe de Bogato struck the Milled dollar only one year (1759) according to records and is **VERY RARE**. There was a 1763 reported to exist, but this could not be confirmed. The Spanish Milled dollar believed to be the rarest (exception 1772) is the 1733 Mexico mint with the MX mint mark, Assayer F.

Now, let us study the coin for general information, design, etc.

The diameter ranges between 38 and 39 mm, silver content 27 grams, with a fineness of 916.63 by law and they conform very close to this. The rims of these coins are unusual. This is called a "cordancilla," giving the impression of a floral or leaf design. It was purposely added to the piece to try to control filing and clipping, and also to discourage counterfeiting. It can also be noted that the cordancillo or rim design was pressed into the planchet or flan before the actual striking.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** We are stepping back in time - 10 years - for "up-to-the-moment" views on coins and the coin market of 1968. The following was a program given by John N. Berger Jr., TNA District 10 governor, to members of Coronado B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 2589 at Jewish Community Center in El Paso. Remember, the year is 1968!

## COINS AND THE COIN MARKET - 1968

By John N. Berger Jr.  
El Paso, Tx.

Believe me, the coin market has never been better - just show it and it's sold.

This, I believe, is due to the loss of confidence in our monetary system and inflation reaching higher plateaus each month. I personally would rather make trades than buy and sell.

I will digress somewhat from the title of this program and try to analyze not only the monetary policies of our country, but also a large part of the world and go back into history and see what happened to past civilizations that debased their currencies.

In the past, some monarchs, politicians, persons in power, either for personal gain to aid a war machine or just to finance stupid programs, debased their money and always the results were chaos and usually collapsed because of their regimes. Upon reorganization, legal tender was again backed by gold and silver to gain the confidence of their people in the new monetary system.

We are now going through a period of gross debasement and had you told me 20 years ago that this would happen in our country, I would have thought -- "You're a candidate for an asylum."

This situation is almost worldwide. The past spring while on a trip to Sweden and Denmark I observed the Swedish krone and German 5 mark are still silver. This

is my personal opinion, but as I see it, our U.S. money, excepting the half dollar, is now backed by a politician's promise that this is money and has a set value as long as it suits the purpose of the people in power. At any time this can be manipulated and inflated to suit their needs and purposes.

Getting back to coins and the coin market, it sort of looks like the ban on melting U.S. silver coins will be lifted sometime in 1969 as the government will have sold most of their silver holdings and reclaimed coins so there will be little interest in keeping a ban on melting these coins. There will also be pressure by the silver-using industries to lift the ban in order to maintain a stable price for silver.

The estimates made by various officials as to the amount of silver reverting to the Treasury were about 50% short of actual receipts. Want to know where the other 50% is? Look in your dresser drawers and lack boxes.

If I remember correctly, the silver in circulation amounted to about \$8.50 per person and I know I have more than my share.

Silver this past week has been \$2.10 to \$2.20 per ounce. This means a quarter (25c) has a silver value of 35-40c and the half dollar (50c), 70-80c. I could be wrong and many times I am reminded by the drawer full of high priced coins I purchase that are worth little.

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# LATIN AMERICAN NUMISMATICS

BY: BRENT BROWN

Curator Of Numismatics, Strecker Museum, Baylor University  
WACO, TEXAS

## THE DWINDLING PESO

One of the tragedies of Mexican numismatics is the manner in which the Mexican peso continued to shrink in size, until the silver was completely removed from the peso. This fate has been suffered by almost all monetary units throughout history. What makes the fate of the Mexican peso more lamentable is that for over 350 years, the Mexican peso was a strong, standard, well-known silver monetary unit.

Until 1821, the Spanish 8 real struck at the Mexico mint provided a stable silver coin. In 1822 independent Mexico issued 8 real coins of the same fineness and weight as those of the colonial



Brent Brown

period. The designs and legends were of course changed. These 8 reals had the bust of Emperor Iturbide and the reverse carried a Mexican eagle with a crown and a legend which proclaimed Iturbide as the constitutional emperor of Mexico. The Iturbide 8 real had a weight of 0.9027 silver and copper.

In 1823 Mexico began minting 8 reals which featured a liberty cap on the obverse and the Mexican eagle on the reverse. These became the most commonly issued coins during the Republic and maintained the same standards as the Iturbide 8 real.

For two years, 1866-1867, Emperor Maximilian had a one peso coin struck with his bust. This piece also maintained the standards of previous issues. The Maximilian peso was the first Mexican coin which carried the value "One Peso."

The Balance Scale type peso was issued from 1869-1873. It featured the balance scale on the obverse and a standing, frontal view of an eagle. This peso also maintained the fineness and size of the previous issues.

Following a period in which 8 real coins were struck, the one peso coin again appeared in 1898. This issue is known as the Liberty Cap type because of the large liberty cap on the obverse. It also maintained the standards of the prev-



MAXIMILIAN'S ONE PESO

ous issues.

In 1910 the Caballito peso was issued as a coin to commemorate the beginning of the Mexican Independence movement. It also continued the standards of previous issues. The Caballito peso was struck from 1910 to 1914.

After a period of four years, peso coins were struck in 1918 and 1919. But these coins had a major drop in weight and a change in fineness. The one peso coin had a diameter of 34mm, a weight of 18.125 grams and a fineness of .800.

From 1920 to 1945 one peso coins were struck which had a reduced size and a lowered silver fineness. These reductions were brought about by rising silver prices. The diameter of 34mm used on the 1918-1919 issues was maintained and the weight remained 18.125 grams. The fineness was only .720, the balance of the metal content being copper.

In 1947-1949, a new one peso was issued which was reduced in weight, size and fineness. This coin features the bust of Morelos and a diameter of 32mm, a weight of 14 grams, and the composition of .500 silver, .400 copper, .060 nickel and .040 zinc.

Morelos appeared on the peso struck in 1950. This issue had a reduced weight to 13.333 grams and a reduced composition of .300 silver, .500 copper, .100 nickel, and .100 zinc. In 1957, Morelos appeared on the regular issue of one peso struck from 1957 to 1967. It had a larger weight but a greatly reduced silver content. For its large size of 34.5mm, only 10% of the coin is silver.

In 1970, Mexico joined the rest of the world and began production of copper nickel coinage. With the

introduction of this piece, silver disappeared from the one peso coin and thus ended a grand history of silver one peso coins.

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## LITTLE KNOWN FACTS —

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the coin.

These pieces circulated freely throughout the world for over 300 years as an unofficial but accepted medium of exchange (China 1935). They can truly be considered an international coinage. They were legal tender in the United States until 1857 and redeemed at par value of the U.S. coinage.

It is considered by most leading numismatists that the Spanish Milled or Pillar dollar is truly the "Classic coin of the Spanish Provincial Empire."

By Royal Decree of Charles II. of Spain in 1771, all coinage of Spain and the Spanish empire would bear his image. New dies were prepared. Minting operations began in 1772 - and the Spanish Milled or Pillar dollar and its smaller denominations passed on into history. They had reigned for only 40 years, but will remain a very desirable collector's item until the end of time.

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## NEW COIN DUE

A new dollar coin, smaller than a 50 cent piece, may be jingling in pockets by mid 1979, says the director of the U.S. mint.

The U.S. Treasury Department has been studying the new coin and legislation is expected to be introduced by June.

# from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

Eleanor Kennady  
2901 Silverleaf Dr.  
Austin, Tex. 78757  
(512/452-2675)



Welcome to the following members 3403-3406.

If approved the following will become members June 1, 1978.

3407 Paul Burke, 1812 Center Dr., High Ridge, Mo. 63049. U.S. Eleanor Kennady.

3408 Lloyd M. Goldsmith, Box 3542, Lakeland, Fla. 33801 Chris Johns.

3409 Patrick D. Hogan, 614 S. Johnson St., Iowa City, Iowa. 52240. Oriental. R. A. Glascock

3410 D-10 William F. Terrazas, 315 Mills, El Paso, Tx 79901. U.S.

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3411 Joseph R. Mileham, 3123 Dirksen Pkwy, Springfield, Ill. 62703. U.S Gold Thomas Bain. (Reinstated).

C-177 Sociedad Numismatica de Monterrey, A.C., Dr. Coss Sur 1242, Apartado Postal 422, Monterrey N.L., Mexico.

VIP Award will go to Chris Johns, R.A. Glascock, John Berger, Thomas Bain and Eleanor Kennedy.

VIP Award for the month of May will include Chris Johns, Thomas Bain, David Nunn.



## Wayne Harris Dies, Services Held Mar. 30

Wayne H. Harris, 66, passed away Wednesday Mar 29, at his home in Corpus Christi. Services were held Mar. 30 at First Methodist Church with burial in Seaside Memorial Park.

Harris was district governor for Dist. 8, TNA, and an active member of the Corpus Christi Coin Club and Liberty Cain Club. He was past

Wayne H. Harris

district deputy grand master of Corpus Christi Lodge No 189 AF & AM, and a Shriner of 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. He was also a member of the International Association of Nomads Club and was international representative of Wilson Supply Co. before his retirement.

Survivors are his wife Bernice two daughters one sister and five grandchildren.

Your pride gets a sock in the eye when you see your secretary yawning over one of your snappy sales letters

# from the treasurer

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Stanford M. Kennedy

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JUNE 3-4

**OKLAHOMA NUMISMATIC ASSN.**, annual convention, Tulsa, Okla. **WRITE:** R. McPheeters, Box 267, Owasso, Okla. 74055.



JUNE 10-11

**BELLAIRE COIN CLUB**, annual show, Community Center, 7000 S. Rice **CONTACT:** Club, Box 303, Bellaire 77401.



JUNE 17-18

**GARLAND COIN CLUB**, annual show, Sheraton Inn Dallas Northeast. **BOURSE:** Billy D. Gilbreath, Box 401303, Garland 75040.



JUNE 25

**GREATER ORANGE COIN CLUB**, annual show. **WRITE:** Jerry Williams, General Chairman, Rt. 2 Box 17, Wren, Tx. 77664.



JULY 15-16

**NORTHLINE COIN CLUB**, Houston, annual show. Holiday Inn, North Belt. Details later.



JULY 28-30

**ARKANSAS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**, annual convention, Pine Bluff Convention Center, Pine Bluff Ark **BOURSE:** H. L. Norton, Box 5474, Little Rock, Ark. 72205.

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JULY 29-30

**ODESSA COIN CLUB**, annual coin show, Inn of the Golden West. Details later.



AUGUST 21-26

**AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSN.**, 87th convention, Astro-World Hotels. Host: **Greater Houston Coin Club**. **WRITE:** Mrs. Chris Johns, General Chairman, Box 90156, Houston, Tx. 77090.



SEPTEMBER 9-10

**SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB**, annual show, La Quinta Motor Hotel. **WRITE:** Club, Box 87, San Angelo 76901.



SEPT. 30-OCT. 1

**AUSTIN COIN CLUB**, annual Maney Mart, Quality Inn South. **WRITE:** Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.



SEPT. 30-OCT. 1

**FT. WORTH COIN CLUB**, annual show, Green Oaks Inn. **CONTACT:** Del Whiteman, Box 1439, Hurst 76053.



OCTOBER 7-8

**NOLAN COUNTY COIN CLUB**, Sweetwater. Annual Wildcat Show, Caliseum. **WRITE:** Club, Box 1506, Sweetwater 75556.



OCT. 21-22

**AMARILLO COIN CLUB**, fall show, Quality Inn. **WRITE:** John Jenkins, 2615 Wolfin, Amarillo 79109.



OCTOBER 21-22

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# District Meetings

## DISTRICT II -

A new meeting place was approved by members of **Odessa Coin Club** at the Mar. 9 meeting. Pres. Herzog announced the United Way meeting room was available at a nominal cost. Gus Ganze presented the evening's program on the topic Typical Appreciation of U.S. Coins Since 1930. Marvin Morris conducted the auction.

At the Mar. 23 meeting, with 23 present, plans were discussed for the annual coin show on July 29-30 at The Inn of the Golden West. John Hoestenbach gave a program on U.S. gold with special emphasis on the Liberty series. — **August H. Ganze Jr., Gov. Dist. 2.**



**August H. Ganze Jr.**  
Governor

## DISTRICT V -

The April NI BULLETIN, published monthly by **Numismatics International** of Dallas, was expanded 12 pages to include a 29-page illustrated translation of Dr Arnold Keller's introduction to his **Kleingeldschein 1916-1922 (Small Notes)** which was printed in 1953. Keller



**David Nunn**  
Governor

was well known for his research and cataloging of German notgeld.

The translation covers the general history of notgeld and will provide interesting reading for the advanced or general collector. For the notgeld collector, NI is also running a series of articles on notgeld in the Bulletin. — **Charles Muchmore Jr., Publicity.**



The quarterly **Texomaland Coin Club** was held Mar. 17 at the county courthouse annex in Denison. With 24 members present, there was a lot of coin activity, and the business session was held to a minimum. The club did take time to approve a donation to the TNA Hospitality Room project for the ANA convention in Houston.

President Wingo and bourse chairman Barney Welch, both gave information and stimulating talks on the coming TNA convention in Dallas. Gertrud Welch provided refreshments.

This was the first meeting of 1978, the January and February

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meetings having been cancelled because of unusually severe snow and ice storms. — Col. Chas. A. Wingo, Pres.

#### DISTRICT VI -

Plans are continuing for the annual coin show sponsored by **Bellloire Coin Club**. The 1978 show will be held June 10-11 at Community Center, 7000 S Rice in Bellaire. For more information write the club, Box 303, Bellaire 77401.

Chris Johns, TNA governor, Dist. 6, installed new club officers at the installation banquet. The club began its 16th year of organization — **Club Bulletin**.

**Golveston County Coin Club** of Texas City held its regular meeting on Mar. 28 at Nessler Center and the "early bird" prize went to Helen Dodderer. Ian Purcell of Texas City was a guest.

Claude Ressler was in charge of the program and talked on clad coins. On display were a 1978-D half dollar and a 1977 proof set. Ruby Threlkeld gave several newsy articles which appeared in **Coin World**.

Special prizes were won by Mrs. Threlkeld and Marguerite Mitchell — **Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.**

Bucky Densford gave a talk on Flying Eagle cents at the Mar. 13 meeting of **Pasodeno Coin Club** held at St. Barnabas Church. A games night followed. It was announced that the University of Houston introduced a new course



Chris Johns  
Governor

in their curriculum - the Science of Numismatics. Chris Johns, TNA Governor, Dist. 6, was to teach the course.

At the Mar. 27 meeting, the club sponsored an auction. — **Club Bulletin.**

**Greater Houston Coin Club** has a new meeting place - the Museum of Natural Science by the Planetarium in Hermann Park. The club held its first meeting at the new location Mar. 17.

The annual installation banquet was planned for April 8 at Wyatt's Cafeteria. New officers include Bill Miller, president; Holiday Lloyd, vice president; Chris Johns, secretary; Carolyn Gay, treasurer; Dennis Hruby, sergeant-at-arms; Melvin Neal and Tom Windsheimer, board members. — **Club Bulletin.**

#### DISTRICT VII -

Lee Grossman gave a program on "Diocletian - Roman Innovator" at the Mar. 14 meeting of **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio. Diocletiaon was one of the lesser known Roman emperors who ruled almost 1700 years ago. An auction followed the program.

At the Mar. 28 meeting, Bob Krocker spoke on "Collecting and Exhibiting Odd and Curious Monies of the World." Krocker told of the history, customs and superstitions of the people who used these monies. An exhibit of many varied shapes and materials used as money accompanied the talk — **Club Bulletin.**

#### DISTRICT VIII -

Coin exhibiting was discussed at a recent meeting of **Corpus Christi Coin Club**. Monitor was Jim Catron and participants were Norma Mather, Floyd Bieniek, Billy Tate

and Ouido Davis. Some suggestions were to select a subject matter that appeals to the person exhibiting and it should be of interest to the viewing public. Be sure to study and follow the rules. Be neat and avoid harsh colors.

— Club Bulletin.



The 17th annual coin show hosted by **Victoria Numismatic Club** was planned for May 6-7 at Victoria Community Center annex.

Show chairman is Graves L. Rouse Box 1183, Victoria 77901.  
— Alice V. Titus, Sec.



Dates for the 1978 coin show sponsored by **Liberty Coin Club** of Corpus Christi have been set for Oct. 21-22 at Exposition Hall.

Rolph Watters conducted an auction at the Mar. 7 meeting and Carl Labell and Mrs. Ross Borrera won the attendance prizes.

A games night was enjoyed Mar. 21 by members, and winning the attendance prizes, were John Allen and Buddy Janes. — Club Bulletin.



#### DISTRICT IX -

Jim Hall was a double winner at the Mar. 6 meeting of **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock. Jim won the attendance prize and was also winner of a 10-question quiz given by Carl Anderson.

D. O. Joplin  
Governor

Twenty six were present for the meeting — D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.



Five attended the regular meeting of **Levelland Coin Club** and it

was announced that 10 members had paid dues for the year so far. E. L. Pitzer was named to represent the club at the April TNA convention in Dallas.

It was reported that a profit of \$143.00 was realized from the recent coin show. — D. O. Joplin, Gov., Dist. 9.



A slide set on foreign gold coins was presented by Honson Ling at the Mar. 30 meeting of **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield. Teresa Bracken of Lubbock was a guest.

Gary Huber was appointed to represent the club at the Dallas TNA convention. Mox Steger won the attendance prize. An auction was held. — D. O. Joplin, Gov., Dist. 9.



#### DISTRICT X -

Members of **International Coin Club** of El Paso have been discussing having only two meetings a month instead of weekly. The club is also seeking a more suitable meeting location.

It was reported that a commercial show was held



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three weeks prior in the same location as the club show in February, which caused much confusion among bourse dealers and the general public. The Board of Directors were to meet and try to resolve the problem. — John Berger Jr., Gov. Dist. 10.



R. L. Tompkins  
Governor

#### DISTRICT XI -

Achievement awards were presented to Randy Bryant, junior member, and Dennis Hickey at the regular meeting of **Amarillo Coin Club**. The awards were given for programs presented - Randy on Washington quarters, and Dennis an Russian paper money.

Linda Runkle and Art Cox sold the most tickets for a special drawing held during the spring show and each was awarded a silver dollar. During the meeting special prizes were won by J. R. Lopez, Virgil Mayfield, Linda Runkle, Brian Coffin and Damon Hand.

Galen Thompson presented a program on "Flying Eagle and Indian Head Cents." An auction was conducted by Dave Clugy.

A report was given by Tommy Tompkins on the preparations for the TNA convention to be held in Amarillo in April 1979. — **Tommy Tompkins, Gov. Dist. 11.**



#### DISTRICT XIII -

The **Wichita Falls Stamp & Coin Club** is busy making plans for its annual show to be held at Gateway Inn May 13-14.

At the March club meeting, 10 visitors and 17 members enjoyed

an informative program by Logan Essex about his California gold collection. The tiny coin-like pieces were probably made by jewelers or gun smiths, according to Essex, who had knowledge of engraving and were manufactured to fill the need for money that the miners of 1849, and later, had. It was difficult to get money from the eastern states so the gold pieces were a convenience to the merchants as well as the miners, stated Essex.

After a coffee break, a number of philatelic and numismatic items were auctioned. District Governor Bill Howard and Mrs. Howard were among the members present. — **Pauline Copelin, Sec.**



#### DISTRICT XIV -

Ralph Cron presented a slide set program at the recent meeting of **Hidalgo Coin Club** held at First National Bank in McAllen. Cron showed slides of the 1977 Amarillo meeting of **Maximilian Numismatic & Historical Society** held during the TNA convention. The slides were furnished by Joe Frantz of Monessen, Pa.



#### DISTRICT XV -

The regular meeting of **Greater Orange Coin Club** was held Mar 6 at Community Center. Helen Matthews was a visitor.

Richard O'Neal gave a program on grading of coins. He said that grading is very difficult and sometimes a matter of opinion. He recommended use of the book "**Official ANA**



Jerry A. Williams  
Governor

**Grading Standards of United States Coins**" and suggested that far beginners, the book was well worth the investment.

Attendance prizes were won by Mr. Waldrup, Scott Ballard, Mr. Jacobs and Weldan Jacobs Jr. Doug Hales conducted the auction.

— Lucy Canter, Sec.

New officers for **Beaumont Coin Club** were elected recently and are Jerry Williams, president; Kenneth Albertson, vice president; Olmea Albertson, secretary; and Shirley Williams, treasurer.

Williams gave a program on "Grading Coins and Books." Special prizes were won by George May, Glen Dowlen and Helen Burke. Sidney King conducted the auction. — Club Bulletin.

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### NOVEMBER 5

**LAMB COUNTY COIN CLUB,**  
Littlefield. Annual Show. **WRITE:**  
Ernest Mills, 1517 E. 9th, Littlefield  
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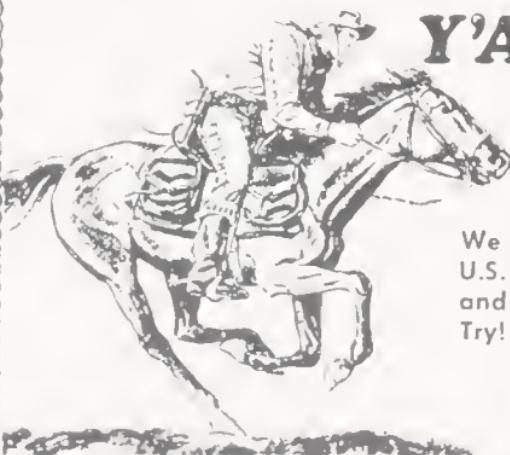
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It was decided by the committee to prepare dies and strike a number of proofs or trial pieces before placing them in general circulation. Accordingly, in 1794 dies were made and a number of beautiful half-penny pieces were struck and shown to the legislature.

The Governor Simcoe having gone that far with the experiment, thought it advisable to take the Home Office into his confidence. Accordingly, samples of the new halfpenny pieces were sent to England with a request that permission be granted by the Home Office to circulate them in Canada. At the same time a let-

ter went forth describing the monetary conditions existing in the colony, and the obstacles that faced trade and business there. The Home Office refused permission to circulate the new coins but they were not un-

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## IRISH MONEY —

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sympathetic toward the Governor's plea for reform of the money. A new issue of copper coins had then been struck for circulation in Ireland, and a large shipment of the worn out Irish currency they replaced was sent to Canada. Having seen hard service in Ireland they were dilapidated, and within ten years of their arrival in Canada it was difficult to find one that could be identified as of that issue.

In 1805 some early Canadian merchant or merchants had ordered some very beautiful tokens to be struck for, or rather in, England, and they were quietly placed in circulation in Montreal and eastern Upper Can-

ada. They are known today as the Hibernia tokens. On the face they bore the inscription "For Public Accommodation One Penny," and on the reverse an Irish harp was stamped. The authors of these coins are not known but they started something that soon became widespread, private issues of copper tokens. The clear-cut designs on these tokens was in great contrast to the miserable pieces of metal sent out by the Home Office.

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